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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2497

Introduced by Assembly Member Laird

February 23, 2006

An act to add and repeal Section 12805.3 of the Government Code, relating to public resources.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2497, as amended, Laird. Public resources: Resources Agency.

Existing law requires the Resources Agency in conjunction with specified entities within the agency to develop and maintain a database of lands and easements that have been acquired by those entities. Existing law requires the Wildlife Conservation Board to review and approve the acquisition of resource lands and easements for the Department of Fish and Game. Existing law requires the State Public Works Board to review and approve the acquisition of resource lands and easements for all other state agencies and departments, including the Department of Parks and Recreation and the state conservancies.

This bill would require the Secretary of the Resources Agency and the ~~Department~~ *Director* of Finance to jointly convene a workgroup consisting of representatives from specified state agencies and natural resource organizations to evaluate and develop options for improving

the efficiency of state resource land acquisition transactions for those departments and conservancies subject to the jurisdiction of the State Public Works Board. *The bill would require the workgroup to address, at a minimum, issues raised by the California Performance Review in 2004 regarding the State Public Works Board's review and approval process for resource land acquisition.* The bill would require the agency and department to report to the Governor and the Legislature, on or before January 1, 2008, on the outcomes of the workgroup.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the
2 following:

3 (a) The Wildlife Conservation Board is responsible for the
4 review and approval of the acquisition of resource lands and
5 easements for the Department of Fish and Game.

6 (b) The State Public Works Board is responsible for the review
7 and approval of the acquisition of resource lands and easements
8 for ~~all~~ other state agencies and departments, including the
9 Department of Parks and Recreation and the state conservancies.

10 (c) In 2004, the California Performance Review ~~recommended~~
11 ~~that the acquisition of lands and easements for resource purposes~~
12 ~~be consolidated into a new entity.~~ *identified numerous concerns*
13 *with the existing State Public Works Board's review and*
14 *approval process for land acquisition with cultural, natural, and*
15 *recreational values.*

16 SEC. 2. Section 12805.3 is added to the Government Code, to
17 read:

18 12805.3. (a) The Secretary of the Resources Agency and the
19 ~~Department~~ *Director* of Finance shall jointly convene a
20 workgroup to evaluate and develop options for improving the
21 efficiency of state resource land acquisition transactions for those
22 departments and conservancies subject to the jurisdiction of the
23 State Public Works Board. *At a minimum, the workgroup shall*
24 *address the issues raised by the California Performance Review*
25 *in 2004 regarding the State Public Works Board's review and*
26 *approval process for resource land acquisition, such as the*

1 *length of time for the review and approval of acquisitions, the*
2 *expertise of the board, and the level of confidentiality regarding*
3 *site selection.*

4 (b) The workgroup shall not exceed 11 members and shall
5 include, but not be limited to, representatives from all of the
6 following:

7 (1) The Wildlife Conservation Board.

8 (2) The Department of Parks and Recreation.

9 (3) The State Coastal Conservancy and one or more other state
10 conservancies with land acquisition responsibilities.

11 (4) The Legislative Analyst's Office.

12 (5) Natural resource organizations with an interest in and
13 experience with the state land acquisition processes.

14 (c) Notwithstanding Section 7550.5 of the Government Code,
15 on or before January 1, 2008, the Resources Agency and the
16 ~~Department~~ Director of Finance shall report to the Governor and
17 the Legislature on the outcomes of the workgroup.

18 (d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1,
19 2009, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted
20 statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2009, deletes or extends
21 that date.

22 (e) *For purposes of this section, "resource land acquisition"*
23 *means acquiring an interest in property that has cultural,*
24 *natural, or recreational resource value.*